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My father has sent me the accom-  
complete notice to ~~send~~ send on to the  
Liberator. Will you take charge  
of it? My present occupations prevent my  
studying my Father's journal <sup>in the manner</sup> ~~in the manner~~ <sup>in the manner</sup>  
way that would be needful to fill up all  
that Mr C. desires. I think it best to send  
what she has written without mixing  
anything of my own. I send two printed extracts  
which may supply some deficiencies, especially  
the one from the "B. Mirror" which my cousin  
Augustine Richard revised. A fuller narrative  
will appear in the Christian Reformer for  
August of which I will take care that copies  
are sent to our friends in America, & it must  
now be the chief business of my life to ar-  
range & render available the copious ma-  
terials for an instructive biography which  
my Father has left in my hands. He kept a  
daily diary without intermission for 55



years, his medical & scientific notes  
 & essays, his theological criticisms &  
 devotional pieces are very numerous,  
 added to which is his immense private  
 correspondence! The solemn sense of in-  
 creased responsibility is therefore my great  
 weight, <sup>the</sup> consciousness of personal loss  
 I have not yet awakened. I do not yet  
 miss my Father, save in the constant joyous  
 consciousness that ~~with~~ <sup>for</sup> him there can be  
 no "pains". Carrying out his wishes  
 over so easy & delightful, for I go  
 on from one thing to another undis-  
 turbed by the dread of his being a suf-  
 ferer from my absence, <sup>or my</sup> absorption  
 in these various avocations. Affecting  
 testimonies to his influence for good  
<sup>in a perpetual stream</sup> pour in upon me from those whose  
 burdens of mind or body he has relieved,  
 whose social circles he has brightened,  
 whose characters he has helped to mould  
 & elevate. I have about sixty letters to



This effect, & every <sup>person</sup> friend I met as  
I walk the streets has a grateful  
word to speak of him who has  
finished his course & entered into  
his reward. I hope in a short time  
to write more at length to the many  
precious friends who were so dear  
to him & to me on your side the water,  
at present, while some correspondence  
& the manifold details that must  
be attended to in connection with  
my Father's affairs & my own changed  
mode of life preclude upon me, this  
line to you will I doubt not be accepted  
in lieu of the outpourings which I would  
gladly make to each loved American  
correspondent. Please to name me  
especially to Mr Folger, & to Mr Hovey  
(who both saw my Father at Cleveland), &



to Mr Garrison, W. Phillips, L. Burleigh,  
H. C. Wright, & every other friend. Mr  
Pillsbury has just returned to London  
& comes here to-day, not in time  
I fear to write in this letter tho' I will  
keep it open to the last minute. Please  
to tell Mr Pillsbury that he is coming, &  
that he writes in good spirits, & that I  
will take the best care I can of him  
as long as he likes to stay here. I have  
written to my Aunt Mr Michell (who  
left me a week ago,) to come back as  
soon as she can to help entertain our dear  
friend. All his other Bristol friends are  
longing to see him. My home will not be  
broken up, for the house & all pertaining  
to it remains in my hands for the next  
twelve months, so for that time at least  
many American Abolitionists may rest  
upon an English home, & tender welcome.  
The contents of this "Advocate" will I am  
sure be touching to many hearts. In my Father's  
diary he describes the difficulty he found in  
the manual effort of pencilling the draft of his